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AUGUST 28 ISSUE OF AL-ITTIHAD, THE UAE GOVT DAILY, CARRIED FOLLOWING EDITORIAL ON SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE FUTURE US-PLO CONTACT:

QUOTE: THE AMERICAN PALESTINIAN MEETING HAS BECOME LIKE A DIFFICULT CHILDBIRTH WHICH AWAITS A STRONG PUSH IN THE FORM OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO BOTH SIDES TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES AS WELL AS PSYCHOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL INFLUENCES.

QUOTE: THE PLO IS ENTITLED TO VIEW WITH MISGIVINGS AND DOUBT

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THE AMERICAN INTENTIONS WHICH HAD ASSUMED A POLICY OF CONTINUOUS SUPPORT FOR ISREAL POLITICALLY AND MILITARILY AT THE EXPENSE OF THE HISTORIC RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THE US CONTINUED THROUGH A NUMBER OF PRESIDENTS WHO OCCUPIED THE WHITE HOUSE TO IGNORE THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND TO CONSIDER IT AS AMONG A NUMBER OF OBSOLETE ISSUES UNTIL PRESIDENT CARTER CAME TO MENTION FOR THE FIRST TIME THE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIANS TO ESTABLISH A

NATIONAL HOMELAND. THIS SPRANG FROM HIS SENSING THAT THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM IS THE BASIS OF WHAT IS CALLED THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM.

QUOTE: IT IS CERTAIN THAT THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT CARTER REPRESENTS A LANDMARK IN AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A CHANGE IN THE AMERICAN STRATEGY IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

QUOTE: IF PRESIDENT CARTER HAS BECOME MORE LIBERAL IN HIS POLICY, MORE CANDID IN HIS INTENTIONS, HOW DOES HE CONCEIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY WITH WHICH HE MUST DEAL? IS THERE ANYONE WHO PRETENDS TO REPRESENT THE PALESTINIANS APART FROM THE PLO?

QUOTE: THERE IS A PALESTINIAN, ARAB, AND INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS THAT THE PLO IS THE SOLE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM ANOTHER SIDE ABOUT WITHDRAWING THIS RIGHT FROM THE PLO. THEN WHAT IS THE US WAITING FOR TO STRETCH OUT ITS HAND TO THE PLO WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED ITS EAGERNESS TO MEET THE US HALF-WAY?

QUOTE: THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION IS CALLED UPON TO TAKE A BOLD STAND AIMED AT SOLELY AMERICAN INTERESTS, AWAY FROM THE INFLUENCES OF THE ZIONIST "LOBBY" PRESENT IN CONGRESS. THE AMERICAN-PALESTINIAN MEETING WOULD BE A BRIGHT SPOT IN THE HISTORY OF PRESIDENT CARTER . . . AND IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN-ARAB RELATIONS. END QUOTE.
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